



Module Specification

Contemporary French Philosophy

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Contemporary French Philosophy

Module code: UZRPM9-30-M

Level: Level 7

For implementation from: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 30

ECTS credit rating: 15

Faculty: Faculty of Health & Applied Sciences

Department: HAS Dept of Social Sciences

Partner institutions: None

Field: Philosophy

Module type: Module

Pre-requisites: None

Excluded combinations: None

Co-requisites: None

Continuing professional development: No

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: The module will provide a forum for in-depth examination of contemporary issues in philosophy at a postgraduate level.

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: See Learning Outcomes.

Outline syllabus: The aim of the module is threefold:

To provide the setting for in-depth postgraduate level study of those philosophical issues core to contemporary French philosophy: metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, aesthetics and metaphilosophy. Each year a different set of topics will be chosen and the students will be expected to read and write essays on the topic, as well as present oral commentaries in class.

To develop individual research skills and provide guidance and feedback on students' research techniques.

To expose students to contemporary rather than historical philosophical work and to familiarise them with journal outputs and the dynamic exchanges between philosophers in printed and online journals.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: The teaching will be done in seminar setting, in three-hour weekly slots. Each week a certain article will be read in advance and then discussed. The discussion will begin with a student presentation, which will consist of a commentary on that week's reading. The emphasis will be on students analysing and critically evaluating the details of the arguments.

Module Learning outcomes: On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes.

MO1 An advanced and systematic understanding of core issues in contemporary French philosophy

MO2 A postgraduate-level understanding of particular philosophical debates and familiarity with the various positions on these

MO3 An ability to conduct individual research at postgraduate level while making full use of philosophy journals and digital and online philosophy resources

MO4 An ability to engage at an advanced and critical level with contemporary activity and research in philosophy as seen in journal publications, exchanges

between philosophers in journals and in other places such as websites, conference proceedings and discussion groups

Hours to be allocated: 300

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 228 hours

Face-to-face learning = 72 hours

Total = 300

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/index.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/index.html>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: This module has no assessment strategy

Assessment tasks:

Written Assignment (First Sit)

Description: Essay (5000 words)

Weighting: 70 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

Presentation (First Sit)

Description: Individual Seminar Presentation (15 minutes). No written element

Weighting: 30 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

Presentation (Resit)

Description: Individual Seminar Presentation (15 minutes). No written element

Weighting: 30 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: Essay (5000 words)

Weighting: 70 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study: